

LSTA Grants Awarded January 2015

Racing to Read Grants - \$229,285

Cameron Public Library- \$5,024

The Library will promote early literacy within the community by providing four storytimes at the local Cameron R-1 Preschool and by holding early literacy programs for families at the library, YMCA Healthy Kids Day, and the local WIC center. In addition, the library will provide an informational program to area First Step therapists on early literacy and the services the library has available to children with delays or special needs. A book and activity tie-in will be presented at each program.

Cape Girardeau Public Library- \$15,000

The Library will promote early literacy within the community by holding eight family literacy sessions, incorporating early literacy techniques into regularly scheduled storytimes and outreach visits, and enhancing the existing early literacy collection. The family early literacy events will include reading a story using early literacy skill development techniques, doing activities to complement the book, and providing a book to each family in attendance so they can practice the skills learned while at home. Early literacy sessions will have literacy activities for children and resources for parents.

Carter County Public Library-\$6,508

The Library will hold four family literacy nights at two partnering locations and two in the library, expand the existing early literacy section of the library, incorporate early literacy techniques into outreach storytimes at the local Head Starts, and provide books for partners who have waiting areas. The family literacy nights will include reading a story using early literacy skill development techniques, doing activities to complement the book, and providing a book to each family in attendance so they can practice the skills learned while at home.

Carthage Public Library- \$14,958

The Library will conduct four outreach early literacy programs, create an early literacy space in the library for children from birth to age six, hold bilingual storytimes to reach patrons learning English, provide a series of storytimes incorporating early literacy techniques, and enhance the existing early literacy collection to encourage "Play" and promote symbolic development.

Cedar County Library-\$6,023

The Library will promote early literacy within the community by conducting six family early literacy events and create an early literacy space at each location for children from birth to age six. The family literacy events will include reading a story using early literacy skill development techniques, doing activities to complement the book, and providing a book and early literacy materials to each family in attendance so they can practice the skills learned while at home.

Daniel Boone Regional Library- \$12,830

The Library will hold four early literacy programs, one for families with children in Title I preschools and three open to the public. At each program, families will be given a book and an early literacy flip book to engage in early literacy activities anywhere. In addition, the library will host a seminar where an early childhood expert will provide a presentation on "Technology and the Young Child" to library staff, early childhood education center staff, instructors, and students.

Daviess County Library-\$5,628

The library will conduct twenty-four outreach visits to preschools and major daycare centers in the county. At these visits, the library will provide structured activities that focus on one or more of the early literacy skills. Each family who attends will receive a book for their home library and early literacy materials to use at home. The project will also expand early literacy library materials and program supplies to engage children in learning.

Doniphan-Ripley County Library-\$9,797

The library will hold four family early literacy programs at partner locations, one at the Doniphan Branch, and two at the Naylor Branch. The family early literacy programs will include reading a story using early literacy skill development techniques, doing activities to complement the book and providing a book to each family in attendance so they can practice the skills learned while at home. In addition, the library will expand the early literacy section in the library to include literacy activities for children and resources for parents, and add early literacy computers at each branch.

Festus Public Library-\$3,164

The Library will hold six family early literacy programs. Four programs will be held at partnering locations and two will be conducted in the library. In addition, the library will enhance its existing early literacy collection. Families that participate in the programs will each receive a learning kit that contains a book and early literacy materials to use at home.

Joplin Public Library-\$15,000

The Library will host five "Explore and Play" events, provide two early literacy programs on the mobile lending library program offered by United Way's Success by Six, conduct five additional family early literacy programs for partnering agencies, and host a training workshop featuring an early literacy expert. At family early literacy events, participants will have the opportunity to participate in hands-on activities or trainings to learn early literacy skills.

Kansas City Public Library- \$15,000

The Library will pilot the Books for Babies project. The project will provide early literacy and library resources to parents of newborn children. The Library will also partner with local hospitals to provide early literacy trainings and workshops for hospital staff. Additionally, the Library will host two onsite early literacy workshops to educate parents, caregivers, and teachers in the community on the importance of early literacy.

Kirkwood Public Library- \$7,797

The library will connect children ages birth through five and their adult caregivers to a variety of interactive play experiences, technology, storytimes, and resources that will promote early literacy skills and the adults' understanding of those skills. This will be accomplished by conducting three outreach storytimes; holding two Family Early Literacy Nights; and creating literacy kits that utilize the five practices that lead to reading readiness for children birth to age two. Each family will receive a book for their home library and early literacy materials to use at home.

McDonald County Library- \$3,310

The Library will hold four family events focusing on early literacy skills. In addition to the family events, the library will also hold Come-and-Go Story Times that build early literacy skills at the local WIC center. The project will also enhance the existing early literacy collection and program supplies to engage children in learning.

Mid-Continent Public Library- \$12,004

The Library will launch a new program called Storytime on the Move. Storytime on the Move will provide parents of young children with the knowledge and tools they need to help their child(ren) develop early literacy skills. The Library will hold one Storytime on the Move program for teen parents at Truman High School and two Storytime programs at a local low-income housing complex. Each program will incorporate early literacy techniques and provide each family with a book to keep and craft and materials to reinforce the skills learned at home. In addition to Storytime on the Move programs, the Library will also hold a training event for the staff to teach them how to effectively integrate music into storytime activities.

Neosho/Newton Library- \$3,450

The Library will conduct three Early Literacy Nights at partnering locations, hold two early literacy events at the library, and provide early literacy materials and tips to parents and caregivers at two partner programs. Participating families will each receive a book and early literacy materials to use at home.

Nevada Public Library - \$7,505

The Library will promote early literacy within the community by holding four family literacy events at partner locations and two at the library; creating an early literacy section in the library, and conducting staff trainings at partner locations to share and demonstrate early literacy strategies. The project will also expand outreach services to incorporate the five skills taught in the early literacy trainings.

Polk County Library- \$10,909

The Library will promote early literacy within the community by conducting outreach visits to the local WIC center, hosting four early literacy programs for partnering agencies, improving its early literacy collection, and adding early literacy tablets to the children's department for checkout. The family literacy programs will share skills taught in the early literacy trainings with parents and caregivers.

Poplar Bluff Municipal Library District- \$3,000

The Library will promote early literacy within the community by providing three early literacy training events and three early literacy family events, and adding a volunteer based Saturday Storytime. Each event will incorporate early literacy techniques and provide each family with a book to keep and craft and materials to reinforce the skills learned at home.

Riverside Regional Library- \$3,649

The Library will promote early literacy within the community by holding two early literacy partner development sessions, enhancing the early literacy section of the library, and providing four early literacy family events at partnering locations and two at the library. The family literacy events will share skills taught in the early literacy trainings with parents and caregivers. The early literacy section will be expanded to include a variety of books, additional literacy activities for children, resources for parents, and an early literacy station.

Scenic Regional Library- \$10,044

The Library will promote early literacy within the community by expanding library services to preschool by providing book delivery services; providing early literacy training to health officials at local health departments; and partnering with the local Parks and Recreational department to put up storywalks in seven local parks. Additionally, the library will expand its storytimes to incorporate PowerPoint presentations to make it easier for parents to participate in storytime activities.

Sikeston Public Library- \$8,396

The Library will offer eight early literacy programs at partnering locations, and provide three onsite programs with presentations from an early literacy storyteller. At partnering locations, staff will conduct storytimes and provide make and take early literacy projects. Participants will receive one book per family to practice the skills learned while at home.

St. Joseph Public Library- \$14,999

The Library will promote early literacy within the community by partnering with Parents as Teachers and Success by Six to hold seven family literacy sessions. The Library will also create an early literacy kit to use at outreach visits. Participants will receive one book per family so they can practice the skills learned while at home, participate in skill building sessions with early literacy experts, and discover ways to integrate early literacy skills into everyday activities.

St. Louis County Library- \$5,480

The Library will promote early literacy within the community by holding two family literacy nights at two library locations and conducting two workshops to train home-based child care providers and others in Every Child

Ready to Read 2. In addition, the Library will pilot a Books by Mail Program to local home-based childcare providers.

St. Louis Public Library-\$14,810

The Library will provide outreach storytimes at local preschools and daycares, hold digital storytimes at neighboring libraries, and increase imaginative play materials at all full service libraries. In addition, outreach visits will be conducted with Health Clinics where the importance of early literacy activities will be discussed with families. Early literacy tablets will be purchased for the branches that do not have the space for early literacy computers so each branch can offer similar early literacy technology to patrons.

University City Public Library- \$15,000

The Library will host two educational programs, conduct outreach storytimes for local child care agencies, and provide a storywalk at a local park. The Library will also install pre-literacy activity panels to engage children and parents in educational play that will reinforce pre-literacy skills. Early literacy skills will be shared with families during workshops provided at child care facilities.

Summer Library Programs- \$257,689

Albany Carnegie Public Library- \$5,143

The Library will conduct an eight week summer program targeting preschoolers, elementary children and teens. Program activities will be based on the national theme, Every Hero Has a Story! Participants will receive donated incentives for reaching reading goals.

Barry Lawrence Regional Library- \$12,000

The Library will conduct a nine week summer library program for all ages, using the theme, Every Hero Has a Story. To remove transportation barriers a traveling storytime will be conducted at area senior centers, schools, day cares, low income housing, parks and businesses. Events will include age appropriate activities focusing on the program theme.

Barton County Library-\$6,610

The Library will conduct an eight week science themed program for children, teens and adults from June 1 through July 24th. Themes include Every Hero Has a Story! for children ages 0-12; Unmask! for teens ages 13-18; and Escape the Ordinary for adults. Age related reading challenges will be set for participants to successfully complete the program. The program will consist of several weekly events held in-house and outreach storytimes, and age appropriate activities to reinforce the weekly sub-theme.

Cape Girardeau Public Library-\$11,417

The Library will conduct a nine week program for children with an emphasis on (1) building relationships and increasing participation through schools and other community partners; (2) enhancing learning experiences by providing storytimes and educational programming; and (3) engaging children and teens in new and exciting library experiences by providing access to interactive learning, research, technology, and creative expressions through weekly programming. Themes include Every Hero Has a Story! for children ages 0-12 and Unmask! for teens ages 13-18.

Carter County Library-\$7,500

The Library will conduct an eight week summer program for people of all ages focusing on the national themes, Every Hero Has A Story! for children, Unmask! for teens, and Escape the Ordinary for adults. Events will include age appropriate activities to reinforce the weekly sub-theme.

Carthage Public Library-\$7,500

The Library will conduct an eight week summer program for children ages three to twelve focusing on the theme, Heroes. The library will promote literacy by providing weekly in-house programs, story times, and other

hands-on activities. Additionally, outreach programs will be conducted at local daycare facilities, low-income housing authorities, and the local YMCA.

Centralia Public Library- \$3,853

The Library will conduct a summer library program for children all ages, but a special effort will be made to increase teen participation. The themes will include Every Hero Has a Story! for children ages 0-12 and Unmask! for teens ages 13-18. Nine weekly hero themed classes will be held for children highlighting books written about each topic and including a hands-on, age appropriate theme-related activity. Teen volunteers will assist with activities, crafts, and general class management. Three workshops will be provided for teens to spark their interest in reading including Superhero Trivia.

Daniel Boone Regional Library- \$14,971

The Library will conduct a ten week program focusing on reaching students at least 11.8 miles away from a public library. The Books by Snail program allows children and teens to order books to be mailed to them without the patrons incurring any expense.

Doniphan-Ripley County Library- \$3,852

The Library will conduct an eight week summer program for patrons of all ages from June 1 through July 31 at the Doniphan and Naylor libraries. The eight week program will focus on participants tracking reading logs and attending theme related weekly activities.

Gentry County Library- \$7,500

The Library will conduct an eight week summer program for children in preschool through eighth grade focusing on the theme, Every Hero Has a Story. During the eight week program, the Library will conduct theme related programs that incorporate reading, art, and music, and participants will track their reading in a log. To assist with addressing the transportation barrier, bus transportation will be available to bring children from area day cares and the King City R-1 School to the library.

Hannibal Free Public Library- \$4,642

The Library will conduct a nine week summer library program for all ages with a special focus on new parents and their babies, and residents in assisted living facilities. Themes include Every Hero Has a Story! for children ages 0-12; Unmask! for teens ages 13-18; and Escape the Ordinary for adults. The hero themed program will focus on early literacy, increased reading ability, and increased knowledge and use of library services.

Joplin Public Library- \$12,000

The Library will conduct a summer library program for all ages beginning May 26th and ending August 1st. The program will consist of in-house programming, storytime with a local children's art workshop, bi-weekly book club meetings for teens at the Jasper County Juvenile Detention Center, and keeping four school libraries open during summer school. The library's outreach efforts will also include providing Teen Summer Challenge Booklets and library services through the mail for 150 middle school students who have few or no print materials in the home.

Kirkwood Public Library- \$8,050

The Library will conduct a twelve week, hero-themed summer reading program. The library will target children birth to age fourteen and their parents. Their program will encourage family connectivity by providing theme related programs that target children and families, a family reading program, and hands-on activities that promote family involvement.

Macon Public Library- \$4,885

The Library will conduct an eight week summer library program, focusing on the theme, Heroes. The target audience will be children ages three through twelve. The eight week program will include weekly multisensory in-house programs and theme-related outreach programs at local day care centers.

Marceline Carnegie Library- \$5,603

The Library will conduct a summer reading program for people of all age from May 27 through July 31 using the theme, Every Hero Has a Story. The library will conduct weekly events that include age appropriate activities to reinforce the weekly sub-theme. In addition, children and teens will participate in a reading challenge; weekly programs will be held for teens to spark their interest in reading; and a book club will be provided for adults.

McDonald County Library- \$8,400

The Library will conduct an eight week program for people of all ages. Themes include Every Hero Has a Story! for children ages 0-12; Unmask! for teens ages 13-18; and Escape the Ordinary for adults. The eight week program for children will include biweekly meetings in the evenings during June and the mornings during July. For teens, the library will provide nine weekly programs for teens to spark their interest in reading with meetings in the evening.

Mid-Continent Public Library- \$11,500

The Library will launch a new enrichment component to its Summer Reading Program entitled, "Every Hero Has a Story Sidewalk Art Contest". The Library will offer this component in partnerships with MyARTS. The art contest will be held at twenty-one branches throughout the tri-county Mid-Continent Public Library District, and will encourage teens to explore the concept of "hero" through the medium of art. Teen participants will be required to read and submit a book review to be eligible to participate in the Story Sidewalk Art program.

Moniteau County Library- \$5,669

The Library will conduct a nine week program using the themes, Every Hero Has a Story for children and Escape the Ordinary for tweens and teens. The library will provide theme related programs for six levels of readers to include 1) baby, toddlers, and preschoolers; 2) the family reader, children entering kindergarten and first grade; 3) the independent reader, children in second and third grade; 4) children in fourth grade; 5) tween readers, children in fifth through eighth grade and 6) teen readers, teens in grades nine through twelve.

Mound City Public Library- \$4,430

The Library will conduct an eight week program targeting children in preschool through high school, using the theme, Every Hero Has a Story. Eight weekly themed sessions will be designed to be interactive and emphasize heroism and literature. The library will also provide special programs and weekly storytimes.

Mountain View Public Library- \$2,285

The Library will conduct a ten week summer program for children ages two through sixteen focusing on the national theme, Every Hero Has a Story. The program will encourage parental involvement, focus on a variety of reading sources, and provide weekly library activities focusing on the program theme.

Richmond Heights Memorial Library- \$5,452

The Library will conduct a hero-themed summer reading program from May 26 through July 31 for patrons of all ages. Their program will encourage and support parental involvement to help facilitate youth reading. The library will provide weekly themed programs, age appropriate activities related to the sub-themes and storytimes for preschoolers, and a book discussions program for older children and teens. Adults will have their choice of books to read and share during book club meetings held throughout the summer.

Riverside Regional Library- \$12,000

The Library will conduct an eight week, science-themed summer program for all ages. Themes include Every Hero Has a Story! for children ages 0-12; Unmask! for teens ages 13-18; and Escape the Ordinary for adults. The library will provide storytimes and multisensory activities for children and weekly programs for teens to spark their interest in reading including a book club. Adults will have their choice of three books of any genre to read and share during book club meetings held throughout the summer. In addition, the library will provide a Books By Mail program for children three through six who live more than ten miles from the library.

Rolla Public Library-\$10,000

The Library will conduct a ten week summer library program for patrons of all ages using the themes, Every Hero Has a Story for children; Unmask for teens; and Escape the Ordinary for adults. The library will provide four tracks, one per age bracket, each with eight weekly themes. A special outreach program will be implemented for children in kindergarten through fourth grade attending Rolla Public Summer Schools and MOCA Head Start. In addition, the Library will provide weekly in-house storytimes for children and a book club for teens.

Rolling Hills Consolidated Library- \$6,449

The Library will conduct a nine week program for people of all ages from June 1 to August 1. Program activities will be based on the national themes, Every Hero Has a Story! for children; Unmask! for teens; and Escape the Ordinary for adults. Activities will include in-house storytimes, theme related activities, and bookmobile stops to outreach locations.

Sikeston Public Library- \$8,900

The Library will conduct a ten week science themed summer program for children in kindergarten through eighth grade using the themes Every Hero Has a Story for children and Unmask for teens. The Library will partner with the YMCA Summer Day Camp and the Lincoln University Day Camp to conduct the program. Campers will participate in a combination of weekly in-house and outreach programs consisting of a book and corresponding theme related activity.

Springfield-Greene County Library- \$15,000

The Library will conduct a nine week outreach program targeting low income families and those with greatest need in the community using the theme, Every Hero Has a Story. The Library's outreach efforts will include providing a variety of theme related programs, literacy based trainings, reading and enrichment activities encompassing STEM and STEAM, and other library services to 105 locations throughout Greene County, including new services at Springfield Community Center, Southwest Center for Independent Living, and a partnership with the NAACP Read Campaign. Transportation barriers are reduced as programs are brought onsite to partner locations.

St. Clair County Library- \$ 6,985

The Library will conduct a ten week Every Hero Has a Story summer library program for children ages two through eighteen. The ten week program will consist of biweekly two hour sessions at each library facility and outreach programs at the Osceola Housing Authority. Weekly program efforts will tie the weekly theme to healthy eating habits with the assistance of the University of Missouri Extension Office. In addition, the Library will provide extended bookmobile service for three hours weekly to the Osceola Housing Authority.

St. Louis County Library- \$12,500

The Library will use the grant funds to produce a high quality video to promote their summer reading program at schools within the county.

St. Louis Public Library- \$15,000

The Library will conduct a twelve week program focusing on reaching children preschool to grade twelve. The Library will use the theme, Every Hero Has a Story for their summer library program. To address the needs of young children for more time spent reading aloud and being read to, teen volunteers will be recruited for a Read Aloud/Read Along Program. In addition, the Library will provide a Homework Helper Program which will consist of library staff working with children one on one and assisting with computer skills so children can conduct online research for projects and papers. Weekly theme related programs will be provided for teens to spark their interest in reading.

Stone County- \$5,593

The Library will conduct an eight week summer library program from June through July for people of all ages. The weekly program for children will consist of a story and an age appropriate, theme-related activity. Weekly

afternoon programs will be provided for young teens that will focus on literacy skills and increased reading ability. For teens, the Library will provide weekly programs that include reading, enrichment activities and a technology component.

University City Public Library- \$12,000

The Library aims to expand reading opportunities for patrons of all ages and broaden its outreach efforts to the visually impaired by conducting a summer reading program from May to August. Themes include Every Hero Has a Story! for children; Unmask! for teens; and Escape the Ordinary for adults. The library will provide programs that include age appropriate activities to reinforce the themes. To assist with encouraging young children to discuss their reading experience, the library will recruit teen volunteers to participate in a Reading Reporters program. Adults will participate in a book club where they will read *Anna Karenina*, and participate in a variety of activities related to the reading. Formats and programming will be provided to address the needs of the visually impaired.